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The Global Financial Crisis – History repeating itself?

Ultimately this financial crisis, as Adrian Salbuchi analyses so clearly in the following article, the Germans faced before World War Two, and they broke out of this self-destructive financial slave system through the adoption of 'autarky' principles – and dearly paid for it...the Holocaust-Shoah lies help to deflect from this overarching/underpinning fundamental of predatory capitalism.

Adrian Salbuchi: Argentina advice for Greece – 'Default Now'

23 February, 2012

Here in Argentina, when we watch the terrible things that are happening today in Greece, we can only exclaim, "Hey!! That's exactly what happened in Argentina in 2001 and 2002...!"

A decade ago, Argentina too went through a systemic Sovereign Public Debt collapse resulting in social turmoil, worker hardship, rioting and street fights with the police.

Some months before Argentina exploded, then-President Fernando de la Rúa – forced to resign at the height of the 2001 crisis – had called back as finance minister the notorious pro-banker, Trilateral Commission member and Rockefeller/Soros/Rhodes protégée Domingo Cavallo.

Cavallo was the gruesome architect of Argentina's political and economic capitulation to the US and UK when he was President Carlos Menem's foreign minister and economy minister in the '90s.

Menem and Cavallo are primarily responsible for Argentina's signing of a formal Treaty of Capitulation with the UK/US after the 1982 Falklands War, opening up our economy to unrestricted privatization, deregulation and grossly excessive US Dollar-indebtedness, almost tripling our sovereign debt in a few short years (see my February 11, 2012 article British Laughter in the Falklands).

The Plan? Prepare Argentina for planned weakening, bankster take-over and collapse, so that a new weakening-takeover-collapse cycle could begin. In 2001, Cavallo was back to finish his work...

During that very hot summer in December 2001, true to its Latin temperament, Argentina even had four (yes, 4!) presidents in just one week. One of them, Adolfo Rodríguez Sáa, who only lasted three days, at least did one thing right, even if he did it the wrong way: he declared Argentina's default on its sovereign debt.

All hell broke loose! The international bankers and IMF did everything they could to break Argentina's back; global media pundits predicted all kinds of impending catastrophes. Debt default meant Argentina would have to weather the pain and agony alone, being cast out by the "international financial community".

'You're not the boss of me!'

But no matter how bad it got, it would always be better to do that without the bankers, without the IMF's, European Central Bank's, US Fed's and US Treasury's "help". Better to sort out your mess on your own, than to have parasitic banker vultures carving out their pound of flesh from your nation's decaying social and economic body.

And how bad did it get in 2002? A 40 per cent drop in GDP; 30 per cent unemployment; 50 per cent of the population fell below the poverty line; dramatic, almost overnight, devaluation against the US Dollar from 1 peso per dollar to 4 pesos per dollar (then it tapered down to 3 pesos per dollar); if you had a US dollar Bank account, the government forced you to change it into pesos at the rate of 1.40 pesos per dollar.

What did Argentina's government do wrong? In the months leading to collapse it bowed to all the

bankers and IMF-mandated measures and "recipes", which were actually the very cause of collapse: Argentina was loaned far more than it could pay back.... And the banker knew it! This was described in our December 19, 2011 article, Argentina: Tango Lessons.

Successive governments since then have continued to be functional to banker interests by rolling over debt 30 to 40 years, aggregating huge interest and in 2006 paying the full debt to the IMF – almost US\$10 billion in full, cash and in US dollars (sole entity given most-favoured creditor status).

–Same vultures circling Greece

Today, Greece is confronted with a similarly tough decision. Either it keeps its sovereignty, or it capitulates to the "Vulture Troika" – the European Central Bank, European Commission and International Monetary Fund – who work for the Bankers, not the People.

Not surprisingly, today we find that Greece too has a Trilateral Commission Rockefeller/Rothschild man at the helm: Lucas Papademos who is doing the same things Argentina did in 2001/2.

Argentina not only suffered Cavallo, but President De la Rúa himself was co-founder of the local Global Power Masters lobby, CARI – Argentine International Relations Council – local branch of the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations, networking with the Trilateral Commission / Bilderberg mafia.

Greece today should do what Argentina did a decade ago: better to endure pain and hardship, and sort out the mess made by your politicians in connivance with international bankers on your own, wielding whatever shred of sovereignty you still have than allowing the Banker Vultures sitting in Frankfurt, New York and London decide your future.

It's the Neocolonial Private Power Domination Model, stupid!

Or do you think it's just bad luck, bad judgment and coincidence that countries – Greece, Argentina, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Brazil, Mexico, Iceland, Ireland, Russia, Malaysia, Ukraine, Indonesia, South Korea, Thailand, France, even the US and UK – always borrow too much from the bankers and then "discover" that they cannot pay it back and that, symmetrically, the same bankers – CitiCorp, HSBC, Deutsche, Commerz, BNP, Goldman Sachs, Bank of America,

JPMorganChase, BBVA lend too much to countries and then "discover" they cannot collect?

No! That is the very yellow-brick road that leads to the Emerald City of "debt restructuring", "debt refinancing", and "sovereign debt bond mega-swaps" that snowball sovereign debt, spreading it over 20, 40 or more years into the future. That guarantees unimaginably colossal interest profits for the Mega-Bankers and for all those nice politicians, media players, traders and brokers without whom that would not be possible.

This is a Model. It must keep rolling and rolling and rolling... As this Monster Machine steams forwards, it completely tramples on, overruns, destroys, flattens and obliterates people, jobs, workers, health services, pensions, education, national security and just about everything human on its path. Run by parasitic usurer technocrats, it does not care what it destroys because it has no ethics; no Christian, Muslim or Buddhist morals. It only worships a greedy golden idol of money, money and more money. This is 21st-century Money Power Slavery.

Three generations of Argentines saw hopes dashed and dreams thwarted by this Monster Machine, suffering the hardship, woes and humiliations that come when countries give up sovereignty.

Bring back the drach!

So, Greece: Just default on your "sovereign debt"! Just revert to the drachma! Just say "No, thanks!" to the German bankers and the Troika Vultures.

Please, Greece: just say "No!" to your Trilateral Commission president!

You will be setting a strong precedent for your European neighbours. Like Spain, which is hurting so badly right now for similar reasons. Like Italy, with its Trilateral Commission Prime Minister Mario Monti (also Trilateral's European Chairman!).

Greece, the Cradle of Democracy, can teach the world a lesson in True Democracy by kicking these parasites out of the country, which will hopefully trigger kicking them out of Europe and one day, kicking them out of the global economy. Because what Greece and Argentina and Italy and Spain suffer today is not True Democracy, but rather a distorted bastard imitation that systematically yields control to the Global Power Masters at the Trilateral Commission, Bilderberg and Mega-Banking Overworld. They run the

whole "democracy show", whereby all countries end up having "the best democracy that money can buy"... which is no democracy at all...

The Money Power juggernaut is steaming full speed towards us all. If Greece falls, who'll be next? Spain? Italy? Portugal? Argentina (yet again!!!)?

So what if Greece's reverting to the drachma marks the beginning of the end for the euro? Let Italy revert to the lira, Spain to the peseta, Portugal to the escudo...! A National Currency is a key National Sovereignty factor.

All governments should understand that you either govern for the people and against the bankers; or you govern for the bankers and against the people.

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Banker says Nazi-era guilt has turned Germany into hostage of euro zone

Book by former German central banker Thilo Sarrazin triggers controversy.

By Reuters | May.22, 2012 | 5:00 AM



Thilo Sarrazin, presents his book 'Deutschland Schafft Sich Ab,' or 'Germany Eliminates Itself,' in Berlin, Germany, on Aug. 30, 2010. Photo by Bloomberg

Former German central banker Thilo Sarrazin, whose musings on Muslim immigrants sparked outrage in 2010, has triggered fresh controversy with a book that paints Germany as the euro zone's hostage, forced to pay out vast sums to atone for the Holocaust.

In the book, "Europe doesn't need the euro," being published today, Sarrazin argues that the euro zone is blackmailing Germany into agreeing to euro bonds or mutualized debt.

Supporters of euro bonds in Germany "are driven by that very German reflex, that we can only finally atone for the Holocaust and World War II, when we have put all our interests and money into European hands," Sarrazin writes, according to extracts published in the German magazine, Focus.

Chancellor Angela Merkel's center-right coalition is resisting EU pressure to back the introduction of euro

bonds jointly underwritten by all euro zone members, fearing they would remove pressure on heavily indebted states such as Greece to put their finances in order. But pressure has increased on Merkel to reconsider, following Socialist Francois Hollande's victory in France's presidential election. The issue is expected to be discussed at an informal EU summit on Wednesday.

Sarrazin calls Germany's agreement to bail out Greece evidence of its "susceptibility to blackmail" over its Nazi past.

The book prompted comments from politicians even before its publication. "Either he is speaking and writing this appalling nonsense out of conviction or he is doing it with despicable calculation," Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble said.

Peer Steinbrueck of Germany's opposition Social Democrats called Sarrazin's theories worthless. And Greens leader Juergen Trittin said, "It is pathetic that he is using the Holocaust to secure as much attention as possible for his euro bond thesis."

Sarrazin was forced to resign from the board of the Bundesbank after his 2010 bestseller, "Germany does

away with itself," accused Turkish and Arab immigrants of exploiting Germany's welfare state, refusing to integrate and lowering the average intelligence.

<http://www.haaretz.com/business/banker-says-nazi-era-guilt-has-turned-germany-into-hostage-of-euro-zone-1.431843>

Julian Assange interviews Moazzam Begg and Asim Qureshi for 'The World Tomorrow'

Written by CP Editor Tuesday, 15 May 2012



Julian Assange of WikiLeaks interviews Asim Qureshi and Moazzam Begg about the work of Cageprisoners -

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vt_VhLT6Qik

Over a year ago, [WikiLeaks](#) released a cache of files that exposed the inner workings of Guantanamo Bay where 169 prisoners remain without hope of trial or release.

This episode features an interview between Julian Assange, a former Gitmo prisoner and a human rights campaigner fighting for those still imprisoned as part of the war on terrorism. More than three years after President Obama ordered the closure of the detention camp, it still remains a year ago, [WikiLeaks](#) released a cache of files that exposed the inner workings of Guantanamo Bay where 169 prisoners remain without hope of trial or release.

Talking on the subject of America's War on Terror and the experiences of prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, Assange interviews Moazzam Begg, born and raised in the U.K., who was imprisoned for three years in Guantanamo as an Al Qaeda suspect, without any charges made against him. They discuss torture and illegal rendition.

Begg signed a confession admitting he "was armed and prepared to fight alongside the Taliban and Al Qaeda against the U.S.", but only after being hog-tied and beaten as he listened "to the sound of a woman screaming next door I'm told or am led to believe is my wife." He was shown photos of his children and asked, "what do you think happened to them after we picked you up?" Begg talks about the torture he experienced during his imprisonment and how a "confession" was forced out of him under terrible conditions.

He secured his release in 2005 after lobbying his government.

Begg believes Obama has ushered in an era where "extra-judicial killing" has replaced "extra-judicial detention." He has now joined Cageprisoners Ltd in an effort to assist other detainees of Gitmo.

The second interviewee is Asim Qureshi, who was previously a corporate lawyer in the U.K. He has now started a human rights organisation, [Cageprisoners Ltd](#), which exists solely to raise awareness of the plight of remaining prisoners in Guantanamo Bay and to assist them wherever possible.

Both men discuss the plight of Muslims in the post 9/11 world, where there is a thin line between terror and self-defense.

Common law versus Shariah law is discussed and the possible creation of an Arab state. Comparisons are made with the European Union, where various different languages are spoken, and the Arab countries, where Arabic is spoken throughout.

Qureshi discusses the need for Cageprisoners Ltd, saying that it is an important support system for Muslims which tells them that they have the right to stand up for themselves.

Begg states that "survivor's guilt" made him feel the moral duty to be involved and to help other prisoners. Cageprisoners Ltd exists to raise awareness of the plight of prisoners who remain in Guantanamo Bay.



Asim Qureshi - Human rights activist with Cageprisoners Ltd.

Just after the titles end, a brief question was caught on video with Begg asking Assange what he would feel if he was extradited to the U.S. and sent to Guantanamo Bay. Unfortunately Assange's reply to this was not heard.

"The World Tomorrow" - <http://assange.rt.com/> is broadcast live every Tuesday on RT at 11:30 GMT

and published on Digital Journal as soon as the video is available.

<http://www.cageprisoners.com/ourwork/interviews/item/4202-julian-assanges-the-world-tomorrow-cageprisoners-surviving-guantanamo>

WikiLeaks: No, Media "Morons," We Didn't Help Iran Execute An Israeli Spy

[Andy Greenberg](#), Forbes Staff, 5/16/2012 @ 6:11PM

Covering the worlds of data security, privacy and hacker culture.



Majid Jamali Fashi, the executed Iranian kick-boxer who was incorrectly reported to have been identified to the Iranian government by a WikiLeaks release.

Since WikiLeaks first released its flood of classified State Department memos in December of 2010, the secret-spilling site's critics have been searching for evidence that Julian Assange's disregard for official secrecy would directly hurt some innocent bystander. On Wednesday, those critics seemed to have found their best evidence yet of that harm. Nevermind that the facts didn't agree with them.

In a story Wednesday morning, The Daily Mail headlined a story "WikiLeaks cable 'led Iran to hang kick-boxer it claims was Israeli spy who assassinated nuclear scientist,'" a story that was soon picked up by other sites in Israel and around the world, finally ending up on the Drudge Report with the headline "REPORT: 'Mossad spy' hanged by Iran was doomed by WIKILEAKS..." linking to a story at the Times of Israel.

Those stories point to the execution of Majid Jamali Fashi, a kick-boxer who was hanged in Iran Tuesday for allegedly assassinating Iranian nuclear scientist Masoud Ali-Mohammadi in January of 2010. The Daily Mail story cited a redacted cable released by Der Spiegel and WikiLeaks in December 2010 described a briefing between a State Department official in the Iranian town of Baku and an unnamed 'licensed martial arts coach and trainer' who opposed the Iranian government's attempts to recruit local militiamen. Though the cable doesn't mention Israel or any assassinations, Fashi, a martial artist who had been in the town of Baku days before the cable was released, was soon arrested. But here's where the Mail's story falls apart: The

unredacted State Department memo, released after WikiLeaks' and the Guardian's notorious snafu last summer that led to the accidental publication of its entire database, names that martial arts trainer and State Department informant. His name, though I won't cite it here, is not Majid Jamali Fashi. And his branch of martial arts, which was also redacted in the initial release, is not kick boxing.

WikiLeaks lashed out in its Twitter feed against what it called an attempted "smear" from "[Rupert] Murdoch's Times" and the collection of news outlets passing along the story:

Media morons run with it, without fact checking. The absolute contempt for the readers and the truth shows why there must be urgent reform. Let us consider the Iranian smear. We have [the] wrong guy. This isn't the guy in the cable. Wrong publication. Spiegel, not WL, selected the cable, but anyway, it was redacted. Wrong country. Israel isn't even mentioned in the cable. In fact, there's no connection whatsoever with the story other than.....it mentions martial arts. And yet dozens of "press" outlets are running with it. Idiots!

It's worth noting that the screw-ups of the Daily Mail don't exonerate WikiLeaks from its own mishandling of the cablegate database that led to the full unredacted leak of the files in September and put untold numbers of innocent State Department sources at risk. In the days following that leak, Chinese dissident informants reportedly faced threats of violence and "witch hunts," and at least one journalist was forced to flee his home country, escaping from Ethiopia to Uganda after receiving government threats. Lately, WikiLeaks has fallen into suspended animation as Assange focuses on his controversial talk show on the Russian-government-funded network RT. And WikiLeaks has taken an increasingly bitter attitude toward the mainstream press, writing in its Twitter feed last month that "journalists are corrupt morons flying jumbo jets loaded with entire nations. Never has a profession displayed such dangerous incompetence."

Calling all journalists corrupt, incompetent morons may be a counterproductive and silly tactic for a group that often likes to call itself a journalism outfit. But in the case of the Daily Mail's Iran story, "incompetent" may be about right.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/andygreenberg/2012/05/16/wikileaks-no-media-morons-we-didnt-help-iran-execute-an-israeli-spy/>

**FROM THE ARCHIVES & For the Record & some gossip -
- IN MATTERS - again - TÖBEN and BOSTON, etc.**

Holocaust denier Töben banned from attending exhibition

PIA AKERMAN, July 18, 2009, 12:00AM

A FEDERAL Court judge has forbidden Holocaust denier Fredrick Toben from going to an exhibition on people who risked their lives to save others during the Holocaust, after concerns were raised that he would offend survivors.

Toben, 65, who is appealing against his three-month jail sentence for contempt of court, had planned to take advantage of a relaxation of his bail conditions to attend the opening of the Courage to Care exhibition in Horsham, Victoria, on Monday.

Justice Anthony Besanko yesterday ruled it was not appropriate after a motion to restrict Toben was brought forward by Jeremy Jones, the former president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

"I don't consider it appropriate that that liberty be exercised for the purpose of attending the exhibition," Justice Besanko said, ordering Toben not to attend the exhibition "or any similar event".

Toben foreshadowed that this could be problematic, saying he had been invited to speak at an event in Adelaide next month. "'Similar' is a problem for me," he said, but the judge said he was not prepared to ban Toben from speaking at all public meetings.

Robin Margo SC, for Mr Jones, said his client would not have previously consented to a loosening of bail if he had known Toben's intentions.

"This is a confrontational visit by Dr Toben to an organisation ... to confront a Holocaust survivor, Mr Harry Better," Mr Margo said. "There's no evidence that he was invited to this. "It was clearly implied firstly that the undertaking was varied for the purpose of Dr Toben travelling on compassionate grounds."

Toben announced his plan to attend the exhibition -- aimed at high school students -- earlier this week, specifically saying he wanted to meet Mr Better, who spent his wartime childhood living with a Catholic family while his mother went to Auschwitz.

Toben -- speaking to the court on his mobile phone from Victoria -- said the order not to attend the exhibition "smeared" him. "It implies that I do not know how to behave in public," he said. "I know how to behave. I'm a civilised person. I see no reason why I should not be there. I will not be saying anything."

Justice Besanko raised the possibility of activating a warrant for Toben's imprisonment, which is on hold until the appeal decision, but Mr Margo said his client did not want to threaten the appeal procedure. "We wouldn't want him to serve even a week if the sentence was put aside," Mr Margo said.

Toben may now only leave South Australia to visit his lawyer in Melbourne, or for compassionate visits during July, seeing ill supporters. [My dying mother -- passed away during my imprisonment on 20 October 2009.]

His appeal is due to be heard next month. He has been given a three-month sentence for repeatedly breaching court orders not to publish certain offensive material about the Holocaust and Jews on his website.

<http://www.news.com.au/news/holocaust-denier-toben-banned-from-attending-exhibition/story-fna7dq6e-1225751593855>

Holocaust denier Töben goes to jail

By: By Tim Dornin, AAP, August 13, 2009 5:48pm

HOLOCAUST denier Fredrick Toben has been taken into custody to serve a three-month jail term over publishing offensive material on the internet.

The 64-year-old was taken from the Federal Court in Adelaide by Australian Federal Police today after losing his appeal against his conviction for contempt of court.

The Full Court of the Federal Court also ruled that his jail term, originally imposed in May this year, was in no way excessive.

"In our opinion, the sentence of three months cannot, on any stretch of the imagination, be considered excessive or unwarranted," the three-judge panel said.

The judges said Toben also had a disregard for the orders of the court and had acted to undermine the authority of the court.

Earlier this year, Toben was found guilty on 24 counts of contempt for ignoring a previous court order preventing him from publishing racist material on the Adelaide Institute website. When he later imposed a three-month sentence, Justice Bruce Lander said Toben had continued to breach those 2002 orders, which prevented him from publishing specific anti-Semitic material.

The 2002 orders stemmed from a racial discrimination case brought against him by Jeremy Jones, a former president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

In his final submissions today, counsel for Toben, David Perkins, suggested the material published on the Adelaide Institute website, which questioned whether the holocaust even occurred, was just a "drop in the bucket" compared to the amount of revisionist material available on the internet.

But in their verdict, the judges said the case before them was not about the holocaust, gas chambers or the execution of Jews during World War II. They said it was about whether or not Toben had complied with orders of the court. "Obedience to the court is not optional," they said.

As the court rose, Toben asked if he could say something to the judges, only to be cut off by Justice Jeffrey Spender who simply said, "No".

<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/national/holocaust-denier-toben-goes-to-jail/story-e6frea8c-1225761126354>

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Denier in jail after losing his appeal

BY: PIA AKERMAN From: The Australian August 14, 2009 12:00AM

HOLOCAUST denier Fredrick Toben spent last night behind bars in Adelaide, after the Federal Court dismissed his appeal against 24 findings of criminal contempt.

The warrant for Toben's arrest was immediately activated by judge Jeffrey Spender, with Australian Federal Police officers waiting outside the court to take Toben into custody.

Toben, 65, had previously been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for disobeying court orders not to publish offensive material on his website, but was on bail pending the appeal against the finding and his punishment.

His lawyer David Perkins yesterday argued the sentence was too harsh, saying home detention was appropriate and that Toben's contribution to revisionist material available on the internet was "a drop in the bucket".

"The vice is small," Mr Perkins said, describing the offence as a "technical" contempt.

"A regime in which a person is prevented from saying what he or she thinks about matters of importance is a totalitarian regime.

"He is unable to express views which he, for better or worse, has about events which are of some importance."

But Justice Spender said Toben had no civil right to breach the Racial Discrimination Act, and asked whether the court had the ability to actually increase the sentence in this situation.

He said the sentencing judge had treated Toben "mercifully" given his wilful and serial disobedience of previous court orders.

"This is not a case concerning opinions about or views concerning the Holocaust, or about gas chambers, or about Jews," Justice Spender said.

"In our opinion the sentence of three months ... cannot on any stretch of imagination be said to be excessive or unwarranted."

Jeremy Jones, former president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, brought the case against Toben on the grounds he had persistently breached the Racial Discrimination Act following a 2002 court decision against him.

Toben committed contempt of court on 24 occasions, wilfully disobeying court orders by keeping anti-Semitic material on his Adelaide Institute website.

He was held in Britain for nearly two months last year while German prosecutors tried unsuccessfully to extradite him on charges of publishing internet material "of an anti-Semitic and/or revisionist nature".

Toben also spent seven months in Mannheim prison in 1999 for inciting racism.

After Justice Spender read the court's decision, Toben stood and asked if he could say something, to which the judge said no.

Toben then loudly said "following blind orders", as the judges left the court.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/denier-in-jail-after-losing-his-appeal/story-e6frg6no-1225761186098>

Toben jailed in landmark Shoah case

By Dan Goldberg, May 27, 2009

A revisionist historian living in Australia has been sentenced to three months in prison for refusing to remove Holocaust denial material and other antisemitic vitriol from his website.

Fredrick Toben, the director of the notorious Adelaide Institute, was sentenced in the Federal Court of South Australia for breaching a 2002 court order to remove offensive material that denied the Holocaust, doubted the existence of gas chambers at Auschwitz and vilified Jews.

By finding Toben, 65, guilty on 24 of 28 counts of contempt, Justice Bruce Lander's ruling brought to an end a bitter legal battle that began in 1996 when Jeremy Jones, a former president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, claimed that Toben's race-hate material breached the Racial Discrimination Act.

The 2002 Federal Court order upheld that view. But Toben refused to comply and in 2006 Mr Jones returned to the courts. He said it was the first time that a Holocaust denier had been jailed in Australia for breaching the Racial Discrimination Act.

Mr Jones said: "The importance of this is that it lets people know we are serious; that this is not a game or some sort of intellectual exercise."

In his landmark ruling, Mr Justice Lander said: "I do not accept that he is contrite for what he has done. He always knew that his conduct would undermine the authority of the court and his conduct was calculated to achieve that effect."

But he agreed to stay the imprisonment for 14 days while an appeal was lodged. It is due to be heard on Wednesday. If, as expected, the appeal is rejected, Toben is likely to spend his first night in jail this week.

The German-born retired teacher spent almost two months in Wandsworth Prison late last year while German prosecutors tried unsuccessfully to extradite him on a European Union warrant.

And in 1999, he spent seven months in prison in Germany, where Holocaust denial is a criminal offence.

Last updated: 1:19pm, May 27 2009

<http://www.thejc.com/news/world-news/toben-jailed-landmark-shoah-case>

NOW, Töben's legal battle began when in 1984 Dr Ken Boston, as regional director of education, Ballarat, Victoria, bent to Jewish pressure, among others, and pushed for Fredrick Töben's dismissal as a teacher from Victoria's Education Department that in 1989 County Court Judge Strong declared invalid and which on appeal to the Full Court in the Supreme Court of Victoria at Melbourne on 20 March 1990 appeal judges, Chief Justice Brooking and Justices Kaye & Murphy upheld.

Boston moved from regional director to Director-General of Education of South Australia, New South Wales, then to head of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority in Great Britain. In both South

Australia and New South Wales Boston conflicted with principals, in the latter during the 1992-92 school holidays locking out the state's longest serving principal at Lismore High School after that principal dared to criticise at the 1992 Speech Night educational bureaucratic incompetence.

At an ACE breakfast meeting in Adelaide on 9 March 2012, Fredrick Töben asked guest speaker, Dr Peter Hill, some-time brief head of Victoria's education department during the late 1980s, why Boston failed in his overseas postings while he, Dr Hill, succeeded. 'The secret in these jobs is not to stay too long because then they'll get you sooner or later. Ken stayed too long in Britain'. Dr Hill oversaw the dissolution of the Victorian Department of Education's extensive library. He could not recall what happened to all the books.

**How boss behind SATs fiasco enjoyed yacht club,
Chelsea flat and free flights...
all funded by taxpayer**

**By CHRISTOPHER LEAKE and IAN GALLAGHER
Last updated at 6:27 PM on 14th December 2008**

Dr Ken Boston, CEO of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, resigned yesterday after details of his taxpayer-funded perks were uncovered.



The head of the Government exam agency behind the SATs marking fiasco resigned yesterday, hours after The Mail on Sunday uncovered details of his taxpayer-funded perks. Dr Ken Boston, chief executive of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, apologised to pupils, teachers and parents and said it would be in the 'authority's interests to find new leadership'. His resignation came ahead of a report

into the SATs debacle and a new row over his £328,000 pay deal – including a £50,000-a-year rent allowance.

The Mail on Sunday established that a clause in his employment contract promised that the authority would 'pay for membership of your current yachting club'.

Mr Boston, an Australian, is a member of the exclusive Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, just over half a mile from the city's famous harbour bridge.

Asked to justify the astonishing perk, met by taxpayers, Mr Boston's spokesman would only say that 'no money has ever been paid by QCA under the provision relating to yacht club fees'.

But he refused to say why it was included in the contract in the first place and declined to answer further questions. Less than two hours later, Dr Boston announced he was resigning. Hired in 2002 by the Education Secretary at the time, Estelle Morris, to restore confidence in A-levels, Mr Boston was hailed as a 'candidate of international standing with a distinguished track record'. But his stewardship of the QCA provoked criticism from the outset.

On Tuesday the findings of a six-month inquiry into this summer's debacle that left tens of thousands of children waiting months for their results are due to be published.

Led by Lord Sutherland of Houndwood, the inquiry is expected to be severely critical of both the QCA and ETS Europe, the contractor Dr Boston hired to run the marking.



Dr Boston was allowed to claim back his membership of the exclusive Royal Sydney Yacht squadron.

Last night Tory MP Douglas Carswell claimed 66-year-old Dr Boston had overseen 'one of the biggest disasters in the history of British education'. He added: 'It's truly shocking that the head of this quango was getting quite so much money when he was clearly failing to do his job.'

Among other perks written into Dr Boston's contract were two business class return flights per year to Australia for himself, his wife and daughter – worth almost £30,000.

Another clause states that 'during the course of your employment . . . the authority agrees to provide you with accommodation as your principal residence in the UK up to a cost of £50,000 per annum'.

But even that generous allowance fell short of his requirements. His £700,000 two-bedroom flat on a sought-after street in Chelsea, West London, cost £66,666 a year to rent. Dr Boston elected to have the excess £16,666 deducted from his salary.



Ken Boston had use of a plush £1million flat as part of his pay and perks package.

Dr Boston's yacht club, founded in 1862, stands near the official residence of the country's Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. Its 'clubhouse' is a magnificent turn-of-the-century mansion, Carabella, on the edge of Wudgong Point.

It has a picture of the club's patron, Prince Philip, in its hallway.

The club recently won a Gourmet Traveller's award for its wine list. Potential members must be invited to join, at a cost of around £5,000, with annual fees of £2,500.

Errors included delays in the training of markers and faults in an on-line results system. Some children were marked as absent for the tests despite sitting them in May.

Some 100,000 English results were delayed, while 36,000 maths and science papers also went missing.

In his resignation statement Dr Boston said: 'In the summer I apologised to pupils, teachers and parents for the failure to deliver the key stage test results on time. I repeat that apology today.'

'The performance of ETS Europe in 2008 was quite unacceptable. The contract was terminated in August . . . and [ETS] rightly, apologised for their own failures.'

'I have reflected since the summer on the delivery failure and on the difficulties associated with key stage testing. In my 40-year career as a public servant in England and Australia, I have always believed in public bodies and public officials taking responsibility when things go wrong.'

'In the light of that reflection and that belief, and in view of the challenges facing the QCA in the coming year, I believe it would be in the authority's interests to find new leadership. I have therefore decided that I should step down from my position as chief executive.'

'Next week Lord Sutherland will publish his report into the delivery failure. He will draw his own conclusions, and I have no doubt that the final report will be a thorough analysis of what went wrong, and set out a number of lessons for the future.'

Last year, the Cabinet Office published a guide to Government departments which said that pay scales for executive agencies such as the GCA should be set in accordance with the Treasury's civil service pay scales.

It says: 'Pay systems should be judged against the criteria of value for money, flexibility, financial control and linking pay to performance.'

In common with more than 80 other quango bosses who received massive pay hikes under Labour, Dr Boston was paid more than seven times more than his predecessor, who received a more modest £43,000.

Mr Carswell, a member of the Commons Select Committee for schools, said of Dr Boston: 'He made a mess of our children's test results and yet he's being paid more than the Governor of the Bank of England. It's absolutely appalling.'

'There is zero accountability because he appeared before the select committee this summer and when we tried to get answers out of him he passed the buck to ETS.'

'ETS were the only ones to admit their guilt and walked away from the contract. A lot of parents of these children who had their SATs results messed up will be very angry.'

When Dr Boston was appointed in 2002, The Mail on Sunday revealed that he had presided over one of Australia's worst teaching scandals.

When he was director-general of school education in New South Wales, a public inquiry had to be held into how his department covered up the activities of child-sex offenders.

More than 100 teachers accused of abusing pupils as young as five were given references which allowed them to resign, move to other states and continue working with children.

Another 106 teachers disciplined for sexual misconduct were allowed to carry on teaching.

At the time, Dr Boston said: 'There had been a culture over many, many years of not dealing with paedophilia. I was recognised in New South Wales for

being the one education bureaucrat who brought about reform in this issue.

'We moved very quickly once all of this was exposed. I banned the issuing of any references. We dismissed

several senior staff members who had been involved and introduced a child protection policy.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article1094501/How-boss-SATs-fiasco-enjoyed-yacht-club-Chelsea-flat-free-flights--funded-taxpayer.html#ixzz1nxAN4ZPd>

MPs to quiz Sats inquiry head

Former chief inspector Lord Sutherland to be asked for assurances over exam arrangements for 2009

[Jessica Shepherd, guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk)

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MPs will today question the peer who led an independent inquiry into why tens of thousands of pupils received last summer's exam results late or not at all.

Lord Sutherland of Houndwood, former chief inspector of schools, investigated what went wrong with the Sats for 11- and 14-year-olds in England last year.

More than a million schoolchildren waited months for their results after technical and logistical failures with last summer's exams, including marking problems.

Some schools are still waiting for results, more than six months after they were due.

Lord Sutherland's verdict, published in December, was that the exam watchdog – the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) – was responsible for "massive failures".

The QCA had failed to check the record and reputation of its contractor, ETS, and could have "stepped in" to avoid some of the delays, he found.

The exams watchdog wrongly gave ministers and civil servants "copper assurances" that schools would receive test results on time, although they knew ETS was already behind schedule.

Before Lord Sutherland's report was published, QCA chief executive, Dr Ken Boston, tendered his resignation and on the day the findings were announced, the National Assessment Agency (NAA), a division of the QCA, was

abolished and its managing director David Gee was suspended.

Lord Sutherland will appear before the Commons schools select committee to explain his findings at 4pm.

The education secretary, Ed Balls, scrapped Sats for 14-year-olds, but the English, maths and science tests for 11-year-olds will go ahead in May. The exam board, Edexcel, has been awarded the contract to mark the tests.

Barry Sheerman, chair of the select committee, said he would question Sutherland on whether arrangements for the tests this year were "robust enough".

Sheerman said he had been in a school 10 days ago which still had not received all its maths results.

Sheerman said: "We want to know, of course, where the failures lay – was it in the procurement process? If it was, what were the failures in the procurement process that led to the appointment of a contractor that doesn't seem to have had the capacity to deliver such a complex and demanding task?"

He also said he would ask Lord Sutherland whether Boston had been treated fairly.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2009/jan/26/sats-sutherland-inquiry>

[http://sutherlandinquiry.independent.gov.uk/downloads/8019-DCSF-The%20Sutherland%20Inquiry\(WEB\).pdf](http://sutherlandinquiry.independent.gov.uk/downloads/8019-DCSF-The%20Sutherland%20Inquiry(WEB).pdf)

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Dr Ken Boston AO to head school travel inquiry

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell today announced former Director General of Education Dr Ken Boston AO will head a short sharp inquiry into the Assisted School Travel (AST) Program issue to get to the bottom of the errors and ensure it's not repeated.

**Dr Ken Boston AO
Education**

Educated at University of Melbourne, MA, PhD (Melbourne), FRGS, FACE

Current roles

N/A

Synopsis

Dr Ken Boston became Chief Executive of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) in the United Kingdom in September 2002.

Prior to that, his positions included:

*Director-General Department of Education and Training (NSW) (formerly Department of School Education NSW) 1991-2002

*Managing Director TAFE NSW 1997-2002

*Foundation Chair Curriculum Corporation 1988-90

*Director-General Education SA 1988-91

*General Manager Education Planning and Policy Vic. 1987-88

*Regional Director Education Western Vic. 1983-87

*various positions teacher education 1964-83

In 2001 Dr Boston was made an Officer in the Order of Australia, for services to education and training. He is a fellow (1997) and former President of the Australian College of Education, and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

<http://www.nsw.liberal.org.au/news/transport/dr-ken-boston-ao-to-head-school-travel-inquiry>

Another view of Dr Ken Boston is found in Fredrick Töben's

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In France, Anti-Semitism Lurks Below the Surface

By SARAH DILORENZO, PARIS

The number of anti-Semitic acts reported in France last year fell, but there's still a hotline staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week to report such incidents in the country.

Jews in France for the most part live in safety and participate freely in French public life, and most anti-Semitic acts target property and not people. But the existence of the hotline speaks to the fact that anti-Semitism often lurks just below the surface.

An attack Monday outside a Jewish school in the southwestern city of Toulouse that killed a rabbi and four children was a stark reminder of how dangerous that hate can become. It was the most deadly attack targeting Jews in France since the early 1980s.

Jewish graves — and Muslim ones — are frequently desecrated; the prime minister recently suggested that kosher slaughter was out of sync with modern times; and just last week, threatening letters were sent to two synagogues in Paris, including one that called Jews "Satan" and warned they would go to Hell.

France is particularly sensitive about its Jewish community, estimated at 500,000 people, because of its World War II past of abetting Nazi occupiers in deporting Jewish citizens. French President Nicolas Sarkozy, whose maternal grandfather was Jewish, has worked to improve relations with Israel in recent years.

The toll-free hotline is maintained by the Protection Service for the Jewish Community, a group whose sole mission is to help provide security for synagogues and for large Jewish celebrations.

The Protection Service, which tallies reports of anti-Semitic acts each year, said that while the number in 2011 fell to 389, the aggressiveness of the attacks was rising. In 2010, 466 were reported. Those acts include everything from violence to vandalism.

The service was created in 1980 after a bomb in the saddlebag of a motorbike killed four people and wounded nine at the synagogue on Rue Copernic in central Paris.

France is home to Europe's largest populations of both Muslims and Jews, and many anti-Semitic attacks are linked to conflict between the two communities in the Middle East. The majority happen in the French capital, and a Jewish leader in Toulouse expressed shock that his southwestern city was targeted.

"Toulouse was always integrated. We didn't have any problems of integration or security problems," said Bouaz Gasto, vice president of the Association of Reform Jews of Toulouse. "That's why we always thought that this would never happen here because we didn't have any particular worry."

He said that most of the approximately 15,000 Jews in Toulouse trace their origins back to North Africa, like many in France, and the community is fairly traditional but always well-connected to other communities in the city. Toulouse, for instance, has never had a traditionally Jewish quarter, despite the community's significant size in a city of about 440,000.

"There have been a few incidents, like everywhere. But we never focused on them," Gasto said.

But in recent years, Gasto said religion — and anti-Semitism — has crept more into the public debate, pointing to the current presidential campaign, which was recently seized with a controversy over ritually slaughtered meat.

When he was growing up, "we didn't used to pay attention to who was what, who was who," he said.

Several French and European Jewish groups spoke out in horror at Monday's attack. A gun used in the shooting also was fired in attacks against paratroopers of North African and French Caribbean descent last week, fueling speculation that a killer is targeting French minorities, and not only Jews.

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/franc-e-anti-semitism-lurks-surface-15955969>

Abbott: We are all Israeli

GARETH NARUNSKY, March 16, 2012



Tony Abbott (left) with Central Synagogue president Danny Taibel (centre) and vice-president Bob Rosen. Photo: Henry Benjamin.

FEDERAL Opposition Leader Tony Abbott gave a strong endorsement of Israel's right to defend itself during a speech at the Central Synagogue last Friday night.

Appearing as a special guest as part of Centrals ongoing Studio Central youth program, Abbott spoke about the contribution Jewish Australians have made to our nation, before noting the similarities between Australia and Israel.

In so many ways, [Israel is] a country so much like Australia, a liberal, pluralist democracy, he said, A beacon of freedom and hope in a part of the world which has so little freedom and hope.

He added that Australians can hardly begin to comprehend the existential threat Israelis live under. It is so easy for us in Australia to get moral qualms, if you like, when we read about Israeli actions in on the West Bank for instance or Israeli involvement in Lebanon.

And yet, we are not threatened in the way Israel was and is, and if we were threatened in the way Israel was and is, I am sure that we would take actions just as strong in our own defence.

When Israel is fighting for its very life, well, as far as I'm concerned, Australians are Israelis. We are all Israelis in those circumstances.

On a more local front, Abbott noted that Australia was the only the country in the world after Israel to have had a Jewish head of state, a Jewish Chief Justice and a Jewish Commander of the Armed Forces.

He was also full of praise for the Central Synagogue congregation and the wider Jewish community. I am immensely encouraged to see the strength and the vigour of Jewish culture and Jewish faith here in Australia.

Central Synagogue shaliach Hillel Fried said the successful evening heralded a re-invigoration of the Studio Central program.

There's a young community that's being developed in the Central Synagogue that's more and more vibrant, and that is growing in numbers, he said. We're appealing to that crowd again so it's a very positive development and we're looking forward to many more events.

Rabbi Levi Wolff expressed his gratitude to Kooyong MP Josh Frydenberg, who was also present, for his role in securing Abbott's attendance for the event, noting that when the Opposition Leader mentioned there were three future prime ministers in the room, it was a testament to Frydenberg's potential and ability.

Wentworth MP and shadow minister for communications and broadband Malcolm Turnbull also attended the event.

<http://www.jewishnews.net.au/abbott-we-are-all-israeli/25335>

... and who is behind this legal persecution?

Revisionist faces extradition hearing after airport arrest By [Candice Krieger](#), October 3, 2008

A convicted Holocaust-denier faces a London hearing today to decide whether he will be extradited to Germany to face further allegations of Holocaust denial.

German-born Frederick Toben, 64, was arrested at Heathrow Airport on Wednesday morning after flying in from the United States en route to Dubai. He was detained by the Metropolitan Police's extradition unit under an EU warrant issued by German authorities.

An Australian citizen, Toben is wanted in Germany for alleged Holocaust denial. He is accused of publishing material on the internet "of an antisemitic and/or revisionist nature" in Australia, Germany and other countries.

It is alleged that between 2000 and 2004 Toben posted information online that denied, approved of or played down the mass murder of Jews by the Nazis. The warrant alleges: "The said publications deny, approve or play down above all the mass murder of the Jews, planned and implemented, by the national socialist rulers."

A former teacher, in 1994 Toben set up the privately run Adelaide Institute - an Australian organisation that questions central facts concerning the Holocaust. In

1999, he was given a 10-month jail sentence by a court in Mannheim, Germany, after publishing pamphlets which denied the mass extermination of Jews in gas chambers at Auschwitz. He served seven months of the sentence before being granted bail and returned to Australia, where, in 2002, he was ordered by the Australian Federal Court to remove all material denying the Holocaust from the Institute website.

Toben, who holds a PhD in philosophy from the University of Stuttgart, appeared before City of Westminster Magistrates Court on Wednesday and was remanded in custody. He said he did not consent to being extradited and would fight attempts to send him to Germany.

CST spokesperson Mark Gardner said: "Although Holocaust denial is not illegal in the UK, for obvious historical reasons the German law is a different case. It's gratifying to see the UK authorities reacting in this manner and hopefully ensuring that the German law will take its course."

Toben is due to appear at the City of Westminster Magistrates Court today.

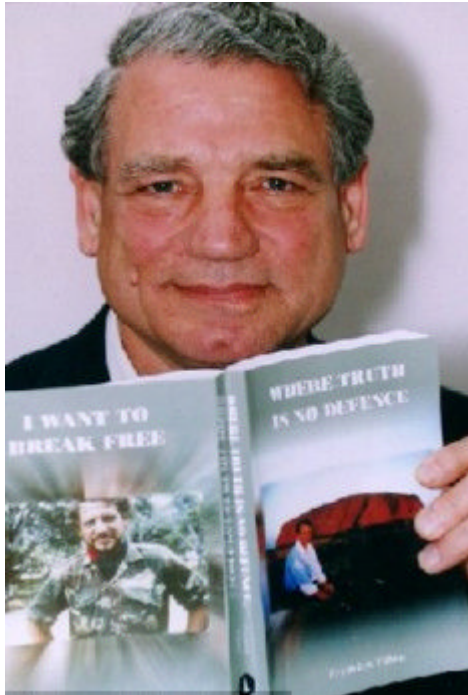
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Australian 'Holocaust denier' arrested at Heathrow claims he is victim of witch-hunt

By [JAMES SLACK](#)

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Holocaust denier Dr Frederick Toben, who was arrested at Heathrow airport

A leading holocaust denier who runs a website insisting the Nazis did not murder millions of Jews will face an extradition hearing tomorrow after being arrested as he flew into Britain.

Dr Fredrick Toben was seized at Heathrow at the request of the German authorities for publishing 'anti-Semitic and/or revisionist' material between 2000 and 2004.

Dr Toben - who claims to be facing a 'witch-trial' - has committed no crime in Britain, where Holocaust denial is not an offence. But, under the terms of a European Arrest Warrant designed to fast-track extraditions, the Australian citizen can be held in the UK pending possible deportation to Germany - where he faces five years in prison.

Crown Prosecution Service lawyers will appear at City of Westminster Magistrates' Court tomorrow to make a case on behalf of the German authorities that Dr Toben should be removed.

Appearing in court shortly after he was arrested at Heathrow on Wednesday, Dr Toben, 64, claimed the 'Germans are out to get me', and said he was the victim of 'legal persecution'.

Dr Toben said: 'It's a witch-trial mentality in Germany concerning this matter, which is not the case in England yet. You should let me go because this is persecution and you should not demean the court by accepting this application from [the German court]. 'The whole procedure is an abuse of process. I see this matter as a legal

ambush. You would be subjecting me to a legal process you cannot defend yourself against.'

The charges against Dr Toben relate to material published between 2000 and 2004. He was arrested in transit from America to Dubai, the court was told.

Tina Whybrow, speaking on behalf of the German authorities, said that he was accused of committing the offences in Australia, Germany and other countries. Opposing bail, she said: 'It is our assertion that this man would fail to surrender if you were to grant him bail.' She said that, when police boarded the aircraft, Dr Toben had moved seats 'to avoid detection' and told officers 'you can't arrest me on British soil'.

The German-born historian is the founder and director of the Adelaide Institute, a Holocaust denial group.

In a disclaimer on his website, he writes: 'If you wish to begin to doubt the Holocaust-Shoah narrative, you must be prepared for personal sacrifice, must be prepared for marriage and family break-up, loss of career, and go to prison.'

He spent seven months in a German prison in 1999 awaiting trial for charges under Holocaust law, which forbids incitement and 'insulting the memory of the dead'.

After being found guilty and sentenced to ten months' jail, he was released a day later when a supporter posted bail, and fled the country.

Dr Toben also faces jail in Australia for breaching a Federal Court order in 2002 to remove material that it found 'vilified Jewish people'.

In August, he denied 28 charges of contempt of court brought by the Council of Australian Jewry, which claimed that the website still contained 'virulent anti-Semitic' material including that there were no homicidal gas chambers at Auschwitz and that the Holocaust was 'the world's filthiest blood libel'.

The European Arrest Warrant, which came into force in 2004, abolished the principle of 'dual criminality' that existed under old extradition laws. This allowed people to be extradited for something that is not a crime here, as long as it is a criminal offence in the country requesting removal.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1065958/Australian-Holocaust-denier-arrested-Heathrow-claims-victim-witch-hunt.html#ixzz1peG5owEb>

Adelaide 'Holocaust denier' Fredrick Toben wins extradition case

By: **ALLAN HALL, LONDON DAILY MAIL, [The Advertiser](#), November 20, 2008 11:30pm**

AN Adelaide "revisionist historian" who questions the Holocaust will walk free, after Germany abandoned its efforts to extradite him from Britain. Germany wanted Dr Frederick Toben to stand trial over his repeated claims that the murder of six million Jews in the Nazi Holocaust was a lie. Such statements are forbidden

under the German constitution and punishable with long jail terms.



Dr Fredrick Toben (right) with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at a Holocaust conference in Tehran in 2006.

But Toben - arrested at Heathrow Airport last month - convinced British authorities they had no right to send him on to Germany if he had committed no offence under British law. Germany launched an action at the High Court in London but it was revealed overnight that it has now been withdrawn.

Toben's solicitor, Kevin Lowry-Mullins, said he has also signed a consent order with the German Government to end the case.

Lawyers acting for the German Government had argued that Toben, 64, the founder and director of the revisionist Adelaide Institute, should be extradited to

face trial for posting claims on its website that there was no mass murder of Jews by the Nazis.

Daphne Wickham, a judge at Westminster Magistrates Court, ruled that the warrant used to arrest the Australian as he travelled from America to Dubai was "vague and imprecise".

Toben was unable [sic] to raise the imposed £100,000 bail, and remained in custody awaiting the German appeal.

Mr Lowry-Mullins said: 'The offence is not made out in the UK. If Dr Toben had been extradited back to Germany for Holocaust denial, which does not exist as an offence in this country, then we would have found ourselves in a situation where hypothetically, the Iranian Government could have asked for all the gay Iranian asylum-seekers to be extradited back to Iran.'

Mr Lowry-Mullins confirmed that Toben was still in the UK waiting for the return of his passport.

A spokesman for the Justice Ministry in Berlin confirmed the appeal was at an end but gave no further details.

German-born Toben emigrated to Australia in 1954 with his family when he was just 10.

In April 1999, Toben was arrested in Germany and sentenced to ten months' imprisonment for denial of the Holocaust. He only served seven months, and was then released upon paying a \$5000 bond.

<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/holocaust-denier-stops-extradition/story-e6freol3-111118100498>

Alan Dershowitz: Policing Jewish Opponents of a War with Iran

[Kevin MacDonald](#) on February 29, 2012

Jews have always policed their own—a basic element of any successful group and a central idea behind the cultural group selection model of Judaism. A good example is the drama playing out now on the attempt to police Jews who are critical of Israel's desire for a war with Iran. Media Matters, the leftist news organization whose main goal has been to attack Fox News, has hired MJ Rosenberg, the former AIPAC operative who is now a prominent critic of Israel, to beef up its foreign policy coverage. Rosenberg commits the sin of using the phrase "Israel Firster" to refer to people like Alan Dershowitz and the Israel Lobby generally. (Rosenberg did not invent this label. As discussed [here](#), the phrase had been used long before by Wilmot Robertson, David Duke, and the Vanguard News Network.) As Rosenberg has noted, saying that AIPAC has dual loyalty is giving them credit for one more loyalty than they actually have.

[Rosenberg's argument](#) bears quoting:

Right now, there is only one interest group in the United States that absolutely opposes any diplomacy to avoid war with Iran and which insists that the United States expressly state (as it has) that war with Iran is definitely "on the table." In fact, that interest group, AIPAC, actually got Congress to [pass a bill](#), which President Obama signed, that bans any diplomacy with Iran without express approval of four Congressional committees in advance — as if AIPAC will ever let that happen.

Just read this AIPAC-drafted language that is now law:

(c) RESTRICTION ON CONTACT.—No person employed with the United States Government may contact in an official or unofficial capacity any person that—
(1) is an agent, instrumentality, or official of, is affiliated with, or is serving as a representative of the Government of Iran;

and

(2) presents a threat to the United States or is affiliated with terrorist organizations.

(d) WAIVER.—The President may waive the requirements of subsection (c) if the President determines and so reports to the appropriate congressional committees 15 days prior to the exercise of waiver authority that failure to exercise such waiver authority would pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the vital national security interests of the United States.

Frankly, this makes me sick. Banning diplomacy almost guarantees war with Iran, a war that must not be fought.

I oppose war with Iran unless Iran attacks the United States directly. Period.

I do not want America to be dragged into a war that Netanyahu provokes and which the United States would then be dragged into. I favor diplomacy, unconditional diplomacy, with all issues on the table.

Another very ominous sign is that the Congressional forces advocating war have now settled on a weaker criterion for war—that Iran simply possess "the scientific knowledge and industrial means to build a nuclear bomb," not necessarily actually build one or even intend to build one (*LATimes*: "[Obama likely to resist pressure to further toughen Iran stance](#)"). As Philip Giraldi, writing at Council for the National Interest, [notes](#): "There are about 50 countries in the world that have the capability to produce a nuclear weapon if they chose to do so, making Iran far from unique but for its persistence as a thorn in the side of Israel and Israel's powerful lobby in the United States." The *LATimes* article notes that 38 senators also signed a resolution that the Obama administration not pursue containment of Iran, a policy

that leaves a military strike the only realistic option. The pressure on Obama is intense, especially with all the Republican candidates except Ron Paul eager to flog him for not doing enough for

Rosenberg includes a passage that should evoke righteous anger in every American. Despite the decisive role of the Israel Lobby in initiating the Iraq war, the vast majority of the people he is describing are White Americans, and I rather doubt that even one of them is a Jew.

I oppose war because we lost 4,400 men and women in Iraq, a war built on lies and false premises, conveyed by many of the self-same people promoting war with Iran. I don't think we should lose even one soldier in a war against a country that does not directly threaten the American people.

A few months ago, on a beautiful Saturday, I was walking on the grounds of the Walter Reed Army Hospital here in Washington. (A friend got me in.) There were dozens of young guys being pushed around in wheel chairs by parents, wives, girlfriends, buddies, etc. They looked like injured members of the high school football team, except that so many were missing limbs.

I approached an officer and said that these boys seemed cheerful considering their situations. He said, "These *soldiers* are the lucky ones. They lost limbs and, worse, [often testicles](#) [from IED's]. But not their minds. In that building over there are the brain injured. Their parents visit too but you won't see them out on the grounds like these soldiers."



Israel Firster and Iraq War architect Paul Wolfowitz addresses soldiers wounded fighting in Iraq.



[Israel Firster and Iraq War architect] Deputy U.S. Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, left, welcomes 1st Armored Division Staff Sergeant Jason Pepper, from Waldwick, NJ, center, and his wife Heather, right, while Pepper's mother-in-law Denise von Wiecki, background left, looks on during a welcome ceremony for troops of the 1st Armored Division at their base in Wiesbaden, Germany, on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004. Pepper was seriously injured and lost one eye during fighting in the region around the Iraqi city of Karbala. (See [here](#).)

So obviously, the Lobby is intensely motivated to squelch MJ Rosenberg. And who better to do it than Alan Dershowitz, since he is well known to be on the left and therefore shares many of the same contacts as the Media Matters crowd.

In an interview with neocon Alan Klein on WABC (see [here](#)), Dershowitz declares war on Rosenberg and Media Matters. The interview is interesting for several reasons. Dershowitz is what [Philip Weiss](#) calls a PEP—Progressive Except for Palestine. I would simply call him a hypocrite—TOO now has [31 articles](#) on the gulf between the leftist bent of Diaspora Jews and what's going on in Israel. Dershowitz identifies himself as on the left but notes that it is important to keep the left safe for Israel. He's an exemplar of the many liberal Jews who claim to be critical of some Israeli policies, like the settlements, yet fail to mount any serious pressure to change Israeli policy. Yes, American Jews can and do influence Israeli policy. But all of their energy is spent pursuing the leftist multicultural madness in the US, while turning a blind eye and implicitly supporting racist apartheid Israel. Dershowitz: "We can't let people think that there is any inherent lack of progressiveness in Israel." Good luck trying to persuade any reasonably sane non-Jewish progressive with that.

And in this case, the listener can be forgiven for coming away with the impression that Rosenberg's opposition to a war with Iran marks him as a bigot and an anti-Semite. Indeed, Dershowitz claims that while he is an 80% supporter of Israel, Rosenberg is 100% opposed to Israel. Opposition to a war with Iran equals opposition to Israel.

Dershowitz congratulates the Center for American Progress for [clamping down](#) on staffers using the phrase "Israel Firster". But Media Matters has stuck by its guns, so an all-out assault is warranted.

Like the rest of the left, Media Matters is funded by Jews, and Dershowitz wonders if these Jews are aware of where their money is going. Klein points out that there are very close associations between the White House and Media Matters, including weekly conferences with Obama administration staffers. There are funding connections as well. Klein points out that Penny Pritzker is a major donor and fundraiser for Obama and also contributes to Media Matters, and Dershowitz mentions Barbra Streisand and George Soros as major supporters of both.

So Media Matters is going to pay a price for keeping MJ Rosenberg around, and the Obama administration can look forward to pressure on its Jewish financial base if it does not do the bidding of the Lobby. All this is happening right before the heat is really turned up at the impending AIPAC conference and Netanyahu's annual visit to Washington. ([Last year's conference](#) created major problems for the Obama administration, as Obama had to explain away a call to make the 1967 borders the basis of negotiations, and Congress gave Netanyahu around 30 standing ovations.)

Not that we at TOO are sad to see the pressure on Media Matters. They also play the game of drawing boundaries of acceptable discourse and have been in the forefront of the campaign to marginalize Pat Buchanan. (In the interview with Klein, Dershowitz calls Buchanan a "virulent anti-Semite" and claims that Buchanan is anti-Israel despite the fact that supporting Israel should fit Buchanan's nationalist political bent. This is a ridiculous argument—that supporting one's own nationalism means supporting Jewish nationalism even when Jewish nationalism has interests that are obviously incompatible with American national interests. I've dealt with it [here](#); see also [here](#).) Buchanan specifically mentions Media Matters as one of his main enemies in his column on his firing from MSNBC, much to the [glee](#) of Media Matters. Media Matters also led the [campaign against CNN](#) for having quoted Peter Brimelow and TOO's James Edwards. From their point of view, any discussion of whether White displacement is good for America much less good for Whites must be pathologized. And any comments that legitimize White identification and White interests must be completely obliterated from the mainstream media.

So they are now the focus of the same forces that would shut down intelligent debate on issues of concern to all Americans. It's evil versus evil, but it will be fun to watch as the Jewish community frantically tries to get all its forces on page for the war with Iran. Defectors can expect a very tough road indeed.

Holo-Cops a-Marching

By Allan Smithy

posted by Puckpan at **4:26 AM**

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International Holo-cops into full suppression mode.

In a brazen and frightening new tactic, Historian and founder of the Adelaide Institute Dr. Fredrick Töben has been arrested in England on charges that he violated Germany's law against "holocaust denial." This law essentially prohibits non-Jews from writing about the holocaust and from much research into WW2.

At the present time Fredrick Töben is being held in Westminster pending an extradition request from German authorities. Dancing With Sprites would normally point out that the entire nation is afraid to speak up for him and stand up to the violation of his human rights that this arrest represents - but actually, there have been several courageous souls who have.

In a brazen and frightening new tactic, Historian and founder of the Adelaide Institute Dr. Fredrick Töben has been arrested in England on charges that he violated Germany's law against "holocaust denial."

This law essentially prohibits non-Jews from writing about the holocaust and from much research into WW2.



At the present time Fredrick Töben is being held in Westminster pending an extradition request from German authorities. Dancing With Sprites would normally point out that the entire nation is afraid to speak up for him and stand up to the violation of his human rights that this arrest represents - but actually, there have been several courageous souls who have. ["Chris Huhne, the Liberal Democrat home affairs spokesman, said that the arrest of Dr Fredrick Toben at Heathrow on Wednesday conflicted with Britain's tradition of free speech."](http://puckpan.blogspot.com.au/)

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US to Attempt Overthrow of Putin Government

Wall Street & London elite lay groundwork to justify large scale destabilization in Russia.

By Tony Cartalucci, Sunday, March 4, 2012

March 5, 2012 - As predicted - the Western media and US State Department-funded "opposition" inside Russia have called Vladimir Putin's landslide victory a "fraud." [It was stated on Thursday March 1](#), that the Western media had "already determined how Russia's elections will unfold, creating the pretext in the minds of impressionable viewers to justify the unrest the US is undoubtedly planning."

Image: Despite every poll indicating well in advance an easy victory for Vladimir Putin, and his critics admitting mobs of anti-Putin protesters constitute but a minority, claims of "election fraud" are rife across Western media. Clearly a

man sure to win is not going to taint his victory by needlessly cheating.



Conversely, in Thailand, when convicted criminal Thaksin Shinawatra ran for office by proxy

through his own sister, and squeaked by with a tenuous victory, [the Western media hailed it as a triumph of democracy. The difference? \[Thaksin Shinawatra of Thailand works for Wall Street, Vladimir Putin does not.\]\(#\)](#)

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This is similar to what took place during the 2009 Iranian elections where US State Department-funded opposition groups also claimed the elections were "illegitimate" and took to the streets in an attempt to reverse the democratic process through [ochlocratic](#) means. In Egypt, directly before the [US-engineered Arab Spring](#), elections that predictably overlooked the suspicious Mohamed ElBaradei were likewise called "fraudulent" and used as the rhetorical justification to execute destabilization long-planned by the US State Department since 2008.

Proceeding Thailand's July, 2011 elections, as explained in ["Stolen Elections" Battle Cry of the Color Revolution](#)," Wall Street and London's operatives laid the groundwork to likewise call any result aside from their proxies' full installation to power "fraud," to then be used as impetus to justify street mobs, destabilization, and violence.

And already, [before Sunday's elections](#), US State Department-funded Freedom House, through an article written by its "president" David Kramer, stated in Foreign Policy magazine:

"Even if the system delivers the required results, clear evidence of rigging may lead voters to reject the election as unfair and illegitimate. Moreover, the authorities' stifling of the Russian public's voice runs the risk of creating an even more combustible environment in the period after March 4. The balloting, whatever its outcome, is therefore unlikely to extinguish the rising desire for real change. Unless and until that change is permitted, Putin's continued pursuit of simulated democracy will fail to achieve even a simulation of stability."

Kramer's veiled threats of instability brought about by the opposition he, his Freedom House organization, and its parent organization, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) [have long been cultivating](#) would then be repeated almost verbatim throughout the Western press on Sunday - also predictably. It was stated on March 1 that, "It is important to keep in mind Freedom House president David Kramer's words, knowing that both the [National Endowment for Democracy and Freedom House are self-serving frauds](#), when listening to these very same talking points regurgitated by the Western media during the elections this coming Sunday."

The LA Times would feature an editorial by the Wall Street-funded American Enterprise Institute (AEI) titled, ["Putin's Pyrrhic victory](#)," which stated, "Putin's win "will be a Pyrrhic victory. Far from enhancing the Putin regime's legitimacy, the election will diminish it further in the eyes of a significant part of the Russian

population."

The corporate-funded hit piece would go on to admit that the "revolution" clearly constituted a minority but maintained:

"...few, if any, regime changes, let alone revolutions, have been started by the majority. The majority has families to feed and a living to make. It is the younger, the urban, the better educated who have led successful modern revolutions. People who start them are getting uncensored news and opinions from the Internet and social media, not state-controlled television. And make no mistake about it: This is a young, middle-class revolt."

This frightening stamp of approval for lawless ochlocratic "regime change" would then be followed by a comparison to the now admittedly fraudulent [US-engineered "Arab Spring."](#)

Joining the LA Times was a myriad of headlines regurgitating Freedom House president David Kramer's predetermined conclusions, with the Wall Street Journal reporting, ["Putin Claims Election Win as Observers Claim Fraud](#)," Fox News reporting, ["Putin claims victory in Russia's presidential election amid allegations of violations in election](#)," Reuters reporting, ["Vladimir Putin 'elected Russian president', opponents allege fraud](#)," and the London Guardian reporting, ["Vladimir Putin's critics cry foul over alleged voter fraud in Russian election."](#)

Each report mentions either US-funded fraud Alexey Navalny or US-funded "independent election monitor" GOLOS, or both.

Alexey Navalny is fully subsidized by the US State Department through the National Endowment of Democracy (NED). And while Alexey Navalny is renowned for "exposing corruption," at least when profitable, those researching his background begin unraveling his own insidious, compromised agenda. Alexey Navalny [was a Yale World Fellow](#), and in his profile it states:

"Navalny spearheads legal challenges on behalf of minority shareholders in large Russian companies, including Gazprom, Bank VTB, Sberbank, Rosneft, Transneft, and Surgutneftegaz, through the Union of Minority Shareholders. He has successfully forced companies to disclose more information to their shareholders and has sued individual managers at several major corporations for allegedly corrupt practices. Navalny is also co-founder of the Democratic Alternative movement and was vice-chairman of the Moscow branch of the political party YABLOKO. In 2010, he launched RosPil, a public project funded by unprecedented fundraising in Russia. In 2011, Navalny started RosYama, which combats fraud in the road construction sector."

The Democratic Alternative, also written DA!, is indeed a National Endowment for Democracy fund recipient, meaning that Alexey Navalny is an agent of US-funded sedition and willfully hiding it from his followers. The [US](#)

[State Department itself reveals this](#) as they list "youth movements" operating in Russia:

"DA!: Mariya Gaydar, daughter of former Prime Minister Yegor Gaydar, leads DA! (Democratic Alternative). She is ardent in her promotion of democracy, but realistic about the obstacles she faces. Gaydar said that DA! is focused on non-partisan activities designed to raise political awareness. She has received funding from the National Endowment for Democracy, a fact she does not publicize for fear of appearing compromised by an American connection."

Alexey was involved directly in founding a movement funded by the US government and to this day has the very people who funded DA! defending him throughout Western media. The mention of co-founder Mariya Gaydar is also revealing, as she has long collaborated, and occasionally has been arrested with, Ilya Yashin, yet another leader of a NED-funded Russian "activist" opposition group.

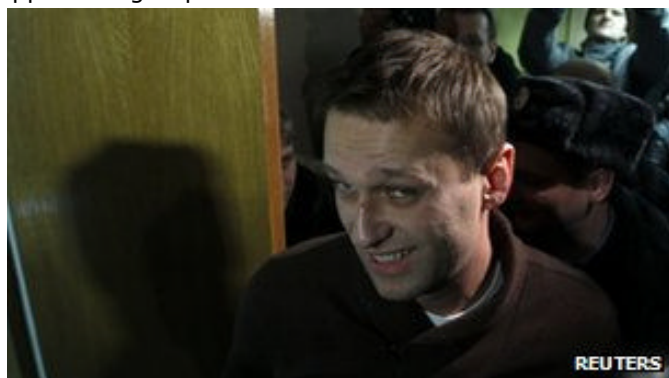


Photo: Alexei Navalny, [Yale World Fellow](#) and co-founder of US National Endowment for Democracy Da! or "Democratic Alternative/Yes in Russian." It is yet another [Otpor-esque](#) organization courtesy of the United States government and willful traitors to their motherland.

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GOLOS, also mentioned endlessly by the Western media, is directly listed on the US State Department-run [National Endowment for Democracy \(NED\) website](#) as a recipient of funding. A NED subsidiary, the International Republican Institute (IRI), chaired by Senator John McCain, [openly desires the ousting of Russia's president Vladimir Putin](#) while the US State Department itself [is publicly accused by Moscow](#) of trying to incite unrest across Russia. It is then difficult to fathom how GOLOS can claim to be an "independent" poll monitor when they are funded by a foreign nation actively seeking to manipulate Russia's political landscape. It is also difficult to then understand why any reputable journalist would cite GOLOS as a

reliable source of information, when clearly they are compromised. Difficult to understand, that is, unless one accepts that the Western media is nothing more than paid-propagandist serving Wall Street and London interests.

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The next step will be to fill the streets of Russia's cities with the NED-funded opposition's mobs of "young, educated urban youths," just as they did in Egypt. [AEI's op-ed in the LA Times](#) clearly states an intent to leverage a minority magnified through "social media" to enact "regime change." Whether Russia's security apparatus is capable of quickly and decisively dealing with this foreign-funded sedition, and how far Wall Street and London are willing to go are the only remaining variables that will determine the outcome of what was from the beginning the Wall Street-London "[Arab Spring's](#)" final destination.

Conclusion

By understanding this process by which [the neo-imperialists of Wall Street and London](#) manipulate both domestic and international opinion through a clearly compromised media and network of disingenuous, insidious NGOs and "pro-democracy opposition" movements, this geopolitical gambit can be exposed and balked.

The intended purpose [of the US State Department](#) is to maintain communications and formal relations with foreign countries - not project American hegemony around the globe. Meddling and subverting a sovereign nation is an act of war, and the potential conflict America's ruling elite threaten to trigger will be one paid for by the American people, [not the corporate-fascists on Wall Street](#), or their proxies in Washington. Study and understand how the US State Department has manipulated and destabilized nations from the Middle East, to Thailand, and now across Russia through [foreign-funded NGOs like GOLOS](#), [and treasonous opposition movements](#) like those led by Alexey Navalny, Vladimir Ryzhkov, and Boris Nemtsov. Then spread the word. A well-informed population is inoculated from crass, demagogic and ultimately self-destructive manipulation by a degenerate and dangerous ruling elite.

<http://landdestroyer.blogspot.com.au/2012/03/us-to-attempt-overthrow-of-putin.html>

Following Image:

Screenshot taken from the National Endowment for Democracy website featuring US funding for the NGO "Golos." [Golos allegedly was searching for "election irregularities."](#) Golos and other US-backed NGOs and opposition parties are now attempting to trigger an "Arab Spring" in Russia.



Regional Civic Organization in Defense of Democratic Rights and Liberties "GOLOS"

\$65,000

To carry out a detailed analysis of the autumn 2010 and spring 2011 election cycles in Russia, which will include press monitoring, monitoring of political agitation, activity of electoral commissions, and other aspects of the application of electoral legislation in the long-term run-up to the elections. GOLOS will hold local and national press conferences and publish reports on its findings, as well as provide detailed methodological advice to its monitors and other monitoring agencies.

Regional Human Rights Public Organization "Niiso"

\$23,623

To conduct three seminars and training sessions for at least 20 selectively chosen students aimed at raising civic awareness and engagement among the youth of Chechnya. Topics will include human rights, civic activism and tolerance. Activities will include theoretical lectures, brainstorming, practical exercises and small-scale initiatives to be completed by the students to help them develop skills to defend their own interests and those of others and actively agitate for human rights.

International Protection Center

\$50,000

To offer free legal representation and consultation to the victims of human rights violations in Russia. The Center will help individuals who have exhausted all available remedies under the Russian court system to pursue their cases through the European Court of Human Rights or the United Nations' Committee on Human Rights.



A Zeppelin flies over a lake. Picture: BNPS.co.uk

The world's biggest collection of airship memorabilia is being tipped to sell for more than a million pounds. The items were amassed by a British businessman over 40 years. David Kirch's hoard - including hundreds of photos of huge German Zeppelins - is so vast he planned to open a museum in an old aircraft hangar he bought especially for the purpose. <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/picturegalleries/uknews/9153063/The-worlds-biggest-collection-of-airship-memorabilia-goes-on-sale.html>

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**BUT BETWEEN
NATIONALISM & INTERNATIONALISM**



Greek far right party blasted on Holocaust comment, May 15, 2012

ATHENS, Greece—Greece's government on Tuesday strongly criticized the leader of an extreme right party who claimed that Nazi concentration camps did not use ovens and gas chambers to kill prisoners during the Holocaust.

Government spokesman Pantelis Kapsis described televised remarks made by Golden Dawn party leader Nikos Michaloliakos as an "extreme insult to the memory of millions of Holocaust victims." The spokesman accused the 55-year-old party leader of "distorting history. There were no ovens -- it's a lie. I believe it's a lie. There were no gas chambers either," Michaloliakos said in an interview with Greece's private Mega television, broadcast on Sunday. Michaloliakos and 20 other Golden Dawn candidates were elected to

Parliament in May 6 general elections that saw traditionally dominant parties hammered in the crisis-hit country.

Kapsis described the remarks as an attempt to revise history.

"I condemn these views in the strongest terms," he said. "The Greek people have not forgotten that they too mourned the death of hundreds of thousands of people who were victims of the Nazis, among them tens of thousands of Greek Jews. We honor their memory and stand against any attempt to falsify facts and revive intolerance."

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